

**George Washington to William Heath, June 30, 1779,
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To MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM HEATH

Head Quarters, New Windsor, June 30, 1779.

Dr. Sir: In consideration of the scarcity of forage, where you now are, and the plenty, which you mention to be at the Continental village, I think it will be best for one or both the Brigades, Parsons and Huntington's to move to that place. Nixon's will remain where it is.

In this position it will be necessary to be very vigilant against a surprise, particularly from a sudden movement of the enemy by water. I doubt not you will use every proper precaution. I am, etc.

P S. As I wish to have the works at West Point prosecuted vigorously as a primary object, perhaps if it can be done with safety it will be best to let Huntington's brigade go to the village and Parson's remain where it is to assist in forwarding the works. I leave this however to your discretion.¹

[MS.H.S.]

¹In the writing of Alexander Hamilton.